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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its forty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters from 8 to 11 March 2016. The Commission held seven meetings.

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by the representatives of the 24 States members of the Commission. Also in attendance were observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of United Nations system organizations and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.3/2016/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 8 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:
Wasmália **Bivar** (Brazil)

Vice-Chairs:
Zachary **Mwangi** Chege (Kenya)
Gyeongjoon **Yoo** (Republic of Korea)
John **Pullinger** (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

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D. Agenda and organization of work

4. At its 1st meeting, on 8 March, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.3/2016/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Items for discussion and decision:
   (a) Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
   (b) Transformative agenda for official statistics;
   (c) Big data for official statistics;
   (d) National accounts;
   (e) Environmental-economic accounting;
   (f) International Comparison Programme;
   (g) International statistical classifications;
   (h) Industrial statistics;
   (i) Information and communications technology statistics;
   (j) Refugee statistics;
   (k) Climate change statistics;
   (l) Governance statistics;
   (m) Regional statistical development in western Asia.
4. Items for information:
   (a) World Statistics Day;
   (b) Demographic statistics;
   (c) Gender statistics;
   (d) Household surveys;
   (e) Disability statistics;
   (f) International trade and economic globalization statistics;
   (g) Coordination of statistical programmes;
   (h) Statistical capacity-building;
   (i) Environment statistics;
   (j) Culture statistics;
   (k) Price statistics;

(l) Statistics for economies based on natural resources;

(m) Integration of statistical and geospatial information;

(n) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

5. Programme questions (Statistics Division).

6. Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-eighth session of the Commission.

7. Report of the Commission on its forty-seventh session.

5. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the provisional programme of work and timetable of the session (E/CN.3/2016/L.1).

6. Also at its 1st meeting, the Commission invited the following organizations to participate as observers at its forty-seventh session: the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics; the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa; the Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre; the European Free Trade Association; and the Observatoire économique et statistique d'Afrique subsaharienne.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Commission at its forty-seventh session are available from http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session.

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